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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W. Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Caton,

Enclosed you will find an original and four copies of a Petition for Rulemaking, looking toward the allotment of FM channel 274A to Walhalla, Michigan.

Should additional information be necessary in connection with this matter, please feel free to contact me at once.

Sincerely,



Roger Lewis Hoppe II
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Amendment of FCC Rules - Part 73.202
FM Table of Allotments

WALHALLA, MICHIGAN

TO : Chief, FM Allocations Branch
Policy & Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

THIS IS A PETITION FOR RULEMAKING :

Roger Lewis Hoppe II respectfully requests that the FCC initiate a rulemaking proceeding, looking toward the allotment of FM Channel 274A to Walhalla, MI. To support this request, the petitioner has submitted the following :

Walhalla, MI is an unincorporated community situated in the extreme eastern portion of Mason County, MI. Walhalla has a post office (zip code 49458).

Walhalla possesses all of the normal attributes of a community, as that term is used for FM allotment purposes. First FM service for Walhalla will also provide first service to Lake County, located just to the east of Walhalla. Lake County and the Baldwin area were declared a federal enterprise zone in 1996, and the petitioner believes that growth in the area due to this designation will support a radio station. This new station could also help open the lines of communication in eastern Mason County. Mason County has two FM stations, one in Ludington (WKLA-FM) one in Scottville (WKZC) and an AM station (WKLA). All three are owned by the same company, and do not attempt to serve the eastern portion of Mason County. There are no broadcast stations, AM or FM, in Lake County.

Included is a computer printout which illustrates that Channel 274A can be allotted to Walhalla consistent with the FCC's FM spacing requirements. The coordinates for Channel 274A at Walhalla are as follows : 44-01-54 / 86-09-46. Also included is a list of businesses and other civic interests which demonstrate Walhalla's status as a community for allotment purposes. If the channel is allotted as requested, Roger Lewis Hoppe II will apply for a construction permit. Upon grant of the permit, Roger Lewis Hoppe II will construct the station and place it into operation.

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ENGINEERING STUDY

Reference coordinates for proposed new FM at Walhalla, MI: 44° 01' 54"
86° 09' 46"

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>REQUIRED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Big Rapids, MI	272	C3	42	61	Clear 19
Manitowoc, WI	272	A	31	118	Clear 87
Bay City, MI	273	B	113	197	Clear 84
Suring, WI	274	C-1	200	207	Clear 7
Mt. Clemens, MI	274	B	178	312	Clear 134
Owen Sound, ON (Alloc)	274	C-1	239	426	Clear 187
St. Ignace, MI	275	C	165	186	Clear 21
Grand Rapids, MI	275	B	113	125	Clear 12
Milwaukee, WI	275	B	113	183	Clear 70
Pentwater, MI (CP)	276	A	31	36	Clear 5
Gladwin, MI	276	C-3	42	130	Clear 88
Kaukauna, WI	276	C-3	42	150	Clear 108

It is respectfully requested that the Commission amend the FM Table of Assignments to read as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>
Walhalla, MI	274A

COMMUNITY STATUS (FOR FM ALLOTMENT PURPOSES)

WALHALLA, MI

BUSINESSES :

**Walhalla Bargain Center
Walhalla Grocery
Walhalla Car Company
Walhalla Mobile Homes
Wonderland Properties (Real Estate)
Emerson Lake Inn
Rendezvous Bar
Fireside Grocery Store**

This proposed FM station will also serve the unincorporated communities of Branch and Custer, located east and west of Walhalla, respectively :

**Branch Grocery
Branch Sanitation & Excavation
Carr Settlement Telephone Company
Branch Trout Fishing Resort
The Oasis Bar & Grill**

**Custer Wood 'N Things (furniture)
Custer Hardware
Johnny's Restaurant & Night Club**

CIVIC GROUPS :

**Walhalla Shores Property Association
Custer area Veterans of Foreign Wars**

CHURCHES :

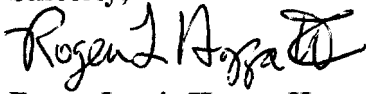
**Custer Baptist Church
St. Mary's Church (Catholic)**

Notes : Walhalla is served by the Mason County Eastern School District. The zip code for Branch, MI is 49402. The zip code for Custer, MI is 49405.

CERTIFICATION

The petitioner, Roger Lewis Hoppe II, hereby certifies that all statements contained in this petition are correct and true.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger L. Hoppe II", written over the printed name.

**Roger Lewis Hoppe II
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